

WHEN AND WHAT EVENTS WILL HAPPEN

**WITH STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF 2,000 CHARTS
PROCESSED TO TIME OF EVENTS**

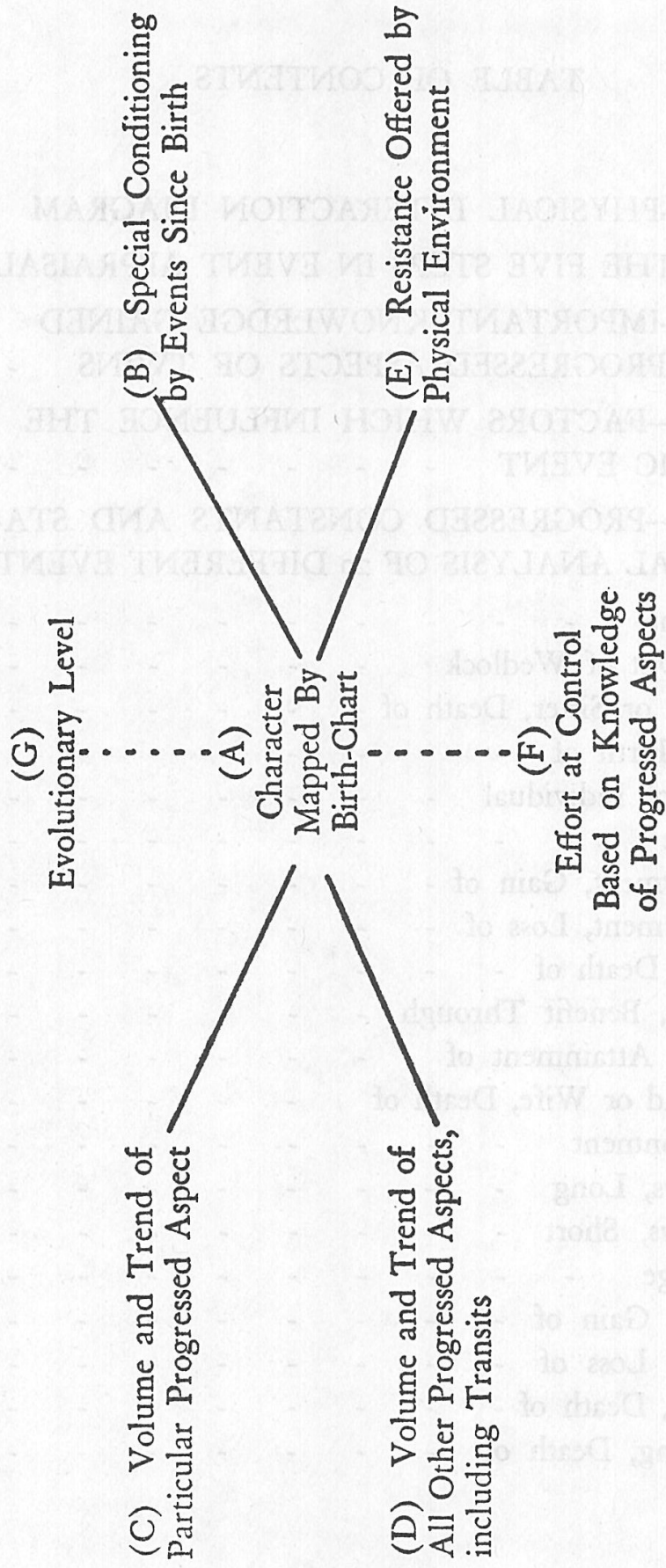
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ASTRO-PHYSICAL INTERACTION DIAGRAM



In all problems relating to the events which come into the life — and the *practice* of a given vocation is no exception — each of the above seven factors should receive attention as playing a significant part. However, in the *selection* of a vocation (G) is of no significance, and (F) is equally significant in all vocations.

Chapter One

THE FIVE STEPS IN EVENT APPRAISAL

The purposes of this book are two-fold. Primarily it undertakes to indicate just what the individual must do to make each significant event in his life more beneficial to him than the event that would have occurred had he made no intelligent effort to alter it. And as the first step in this direction it attempts to indicate, within as narrow limits as practicable, the events, one or more of which is most likely to happen during the period dominated by each progressed aspect if no such intelligent effort is made to alter it.

Astrology, like other things, is valuable to the extent it enables the individual to be more successful, more spiritual, more happy, and to contribute more to universal welfare. Foreknowledge of probable events enables the individual to adjust his life before events transpire so as to be discomfited less by those inimical to his aims, and to take fuller advantage of those that further his ambitions. But a knowledge of progressed aspects does much more than this; for in so far as events affecting his own life are concerned, through showing him what events are most probable during each period, they enable him to take steps to prevent those undesirable, and to divert the energy that otherwise would have attracted them into bringing into his life other events of greater advantage.

Not only the experience of those who, guided by their knowledge of progressed aspects, have successfully diverted planetary energy into attracting events more happy than otherwise would have transpired, but extensive Case History studies by The Brotherhood of Light Astrological Research Department, of the events which the same progressed aspects have brought into the lives of astrological twins, natural twins and identical twins who have had almost identical birth-charts, prove that instead of being inevitable, the events indicated by a given progressed aspect usually are profoundly influenced by factors which are within the individual's control. This will be discussed in detail in the next chapter.

Thus the great value of knowing what events are most probable during the period a progressed aspect is operative lies in the opportunity to take appropriate steps before it happens to

make the event that actually occurs more favorable than otherwise had been the case.

The events which come into people's lives are not the offspring of chance. Instead they are the product of the past experiences of the soul and both the inner-plane and the outer-plane environment at the time they happen. The past experiences of the soul are organized in the finer form as thought-cells and thought-structures, each possessing the desires developed by the experiences which built them. The desires of these thought-cells and thought structures are not immutable, but are modified by conditions later encountered in the inner-plane environment and by conditions later encountered in the outer-plane environment. But with such energy as they can command at the time, the thought-cells and thought structures of the soul continuously exert pressure to bring into the individual's life the events and conditions they desire.

At first thought it might seem reasonable to believe that each group of thought-cells within man's finer form would desire only those conditions and events which are beneficial to the individual. And on the same grounds it might at first seem reasonable to believe that each group of persons within the nation would desire only those conditions and events which are beneficial to the nation. But unfortunately a great many individuals within the nation seek to realize desires that do not benefit society as a whole, but detract from its welfare. And we observe that much politics consists of one group, or one section of the country, exerting pressure to obtain something it desires with no consideration of the hardship it will bring upon other groups or sections, and regardless of the fact that it ultimately will bring distress to the nation as a whole.

While thought-cells and thought structures possess independent intelligence derived from their own limited experiences, it is hardly to be expected they should be more ready to recognize what will benefit the individual and relinquish their own desires in the interests of its realization than reason-possessing man is ready to recognize what will benefit the nation and sacrifice his own desires that the whole may better prosper.

Each of the Three Factors Responsible For an Event Can Be Changed—Neither the desires of men or those of thought-cells are unchangeable. Men do not lose their individualities, and a thought-cell group built and organized by the Jupiter type of experience does not develop desires of the Mercury type. To the extent it is given opportunity to express in the thinking, in the

behavior and in the events attracted these will always clearly bear the characteristics of the planet Jupiter. But, without losing their individualities, men do, as the result of experience or persuasion, often change their desires. In fact, the chief function of The Church of Light is to show people how, and to induce them, to change their desires to those which will contribute more to universal welfare. Likewise, as the result of further experience or the thought processes of the individual, the desires of thought-cells and thought structures within man's finer form can be, and often are altered. Because of altered desires they then attract events into the life which are more disastrous or more beneficial, making the individual more of a liability or more of an asset to society as a whole. Thus it is also one function of The Church of Light to indicate how such thought-cell desire changes as are beneficial to the individual can be brought about.

The process by which the thought-cells acquired their desires when they first were formed, through which these desires are modified by unsolicited experiences since human birth, and through which the desires are changed by deliberate planning, is known as conditioning. And the special conditioning since human birth has been given a letter (B) on our Astro-Physical Interaction Diagram.

The desire of the thought-cell group, however, is not the only important factor in determining the event which will transpire. No more so than the desire of an individual or a group of individuals is the only important factor in determining what it will obtain. A boy may have a strong desire to become president of the United States and yet make little headway in a political career. And a pressure group may desire special legislation favoring its interests and fail to obtain it. In every event brought about by thought-cells or by men, in addition to desire two other important factors are involved. One is the amount of energy which desire can use, and the other is the amount of opposition encountered.

Normally if a desire can enlist much energy this implies natural aptitude. Therefore if the boy who desires to be president can develop enough energy which is directed toward attaining this desire, he may very well become president. The amount of energy that must be generated and diverted to the attainment, however, must be sufficient to overcome the obstacles encountered; that is, must be sufficient to overcome the resistance of environment, including the opposition of others who have like aspirations, and gaining the confidence of the people and the votes of the

majority of the electoral college. Only a very few of the boys who have desires in that direction can generate and devote to that purpose enough energy to become president of the United States.

Likewise in appraising the probability of a pressure group gaining the legislation it desires, whether that legislation is beneficial or detrimental to the nation, we commonly gauge its resources, that is, the amount of energy it can acquire and use for this purpose. And in appraising the probability of a thought-cell group within man's finer form gaining its desires we also must appraise the amount of energy it can employ. But this is not all. Knowing the amount of energy of the political pressure group or the amount of energy of the thought-cell group does not of itself enable us to determine whether, or to what extent, the group will attain its desires. What happens is perhaps equally dependent upon how much opposition must be overcome, in other words, upon the resistance or facilities offered by the physical environment to the realization of the particular desires.

Thus in every estimate of the event most likely to happen under a given progressed aspect the resistance of environment to certain kinds of events and the facilities the environment affords to other kinds of events must always be appraised and considered as one of the three most important factors. The resistance and facilities of the physical environment at the time have been given a letter (E) on our Astro-Physical Interaction Diagram.

Now as the specific event depends not merely upon the desires of the thought-cells, and the amount of energy they can acquire at the time for their activity, but also upon the resistance or facility of the environment in reference to that event, if the environment is changed the event will be different. And as it often is possible to plan the environment in view of the progressed aspect to be operative during a given period, it is thus also possible to change the event in a selected manner.

The third of the three most important factors involved in every event happening in human life is the degree of thought-cell activity. That is, the amount of energy the thought-cell group can utilize to bring pressure upon physical environment to attain the results it desires. This depends upon the volume of experiences before human birth of the thought-cells involved, as mapped by the appropriate planets in the chart of birth (A) relative to the given evolutionary level (G), upon the conditioning (B) since birth, and upon the volume of energy delivered to the

thought-cell group by such progressed aspects (C) and (D) as are at the time operative.

These progressed aspects deliver energy which is more or less harmonious or discordant, according to the nature of the aspect, to the thought-cells. If the planetary energy is discordant it tends to cause the thought-cells receiving it to have desires which are more adverse than they customarily have, and if the planetary energy is harmonious it tends to cause the thought-cells receiving it to have desires which are more beneficial than they customarily have.

The nervous system, through the electrical currents flowing over it is tuned, by the thoughts and emotions which these currents carry, to pick up, radio fashion, the type of planetary energy, including its harmony or discord, corresponding to these feelings. Thus is it possible through deliberate effort to gain for certain thought-cells a volume of energy comparable to that ordinarily delivered by a progressed aspect. That is, the amount of activity of any selected group of thought-cells can be changed.

Furthermore, when a progressed aspect is delivering energy of a certain type, and the quality of this energy is deliberately, or spontaneously tuned in on, the nerve currents then serve as conductors to carry this quality of astral energy not merely to the terminals of the aspects in which the planet is involved whose energy is thus handled, but to the terminals of all the aspects, including progressed aspects.

Thus when several progressed aspects are operative, one of which is harmonious, it is possible deliberately to keep tuned to this harmonious energy to such an extent that all the thought-cells receiving additional energy are supplied with this harmonious energy. Thus not only the amount of activity of any selected group of thought-cells can deliberately be changed, but the degree of harmony or discord of the energy they receive from a progressed aspect can be changed, thus influencing their desires.

As it is possible through deliberate planning and effort to change the desires of the thought-cells, to change the degree of activity of the thought-cells, and to change the resistance or facility of the environment to the realization of their desires, in other words to change each or all of the three important factors instrumental in causing each event to be such as it is, it cannot be emphasized too often that progressed aspects favor, but do not foreordain, events.

The Planetary Characteristics of the Event Are Constant—
Each progressed aspect favors events within a certain category

because it adds energy to thought-cells possessing a given type of desires. They possess this type of desires because they were formed by states of consciousness derived from experiences with activities of the type desired. These activities fall within ten different categories. They are aggressive activities related to Mars, social activities related to Venus, domestic activities related to the Moon, etc. The experiences in lower forms of life which built the thought-cells ruled by each of the ten planets in a human birth-chart are indicated in the book, HOW TO SELECT A VOCATION. The amount and intensity of the experiences of each of the ten types, relative to the amount and intensity of the experiences of the other nine types, and therefore the relative degree of thought-cell activity of each type at birth, is shown by the prominence of the planet in the birth-chart mapping the thought-cells.

As the importance of a given type of event in the life, as well as a given type of natural aptitudes, is determined by the degree of activity of the thought-cells ruled by the planet related to that type of event, and as the relative degree of activity of these thought-cells at birth is indicated by the prominence of the planet mapping them, this matter of planetary prominence in a birth-chart is exceptionally important.

A discussion of why a planet must be considered prominent under these conditions may be found in, HOW TO SELECT A VOCATION. What we want here are as reliable rules as may be had to determine planetary prominence and the consequent degree of thought-cell activity thus mapped. In such a complex thing as human character there are bound to occur exceptions to all rules. Thus when a planet at birth receives very powerful aspects, especially if a heavy aspect is not more than one degree from perfect, it must be considered prominent irrespective of not being in an angle and aspecting Sun, Moon or Mercury. But such prominence constitutes an exception to the general rule that only such planets in a birth-chart as are in an angle, or which aspect Sun, Moon or Mercury with a reasonable degree of closeness, are to be considered prominent.

Now a progressed aspect does not of itself build new thought-cells; for new thought-cells are constructed only by states of consciousness, that is, by the feelings and thoughts. All a progressed aspect can do is to encourage feelings and thoughts that build new thought-cells, and add energy to thought-cells that are already present within the finer form. Because the building of thought-cells requires so much feeling or thought the com-

monly more pronounced influence of a progressed aspect is through the increased activity its energy gives to thought-cells already present such as are mapped in the chart of birth.

Not because it is impossible to build new thought-cells after birth into human form, but because commonly the thought-cells already built before human birth, which are mapped in the chart of birth, are changed so little in the relative amount of their activity and the general type of their desires after birth, do they show the predispositions of the individual toward certain types of events.

The birth-chart does not map specific events. But it does map the relative degree of thought-cell activity of each of the ten types. Those thought-cells which are most active have most power to bring into the life the events of their particular type. Thus if the Sun is prominent in the birth-chart there is a predisposition toward Sun events, and if the Sun at the same time is afflicted, toward Sun diseases. In fact, as we have discovered in charts covering some 120 diseases—but only covering 7 of which we as yet have the 100 necessary to include in the analyses given in *BODY DISEASE AND ITS STELLAR TREATMENT*—a prominent planet, even if it has some very harmonious aspects, may show the predisposition toward a given disease.

Thus no matter how well aspected a prominent Jupiter is, there is some predisposition toward the repletion diseases that come from too rich living; no matter how well aspected the upper-octave planets are, there is some predisposition toward a hypersensitive nervous system and the difficulties it brings. If other discords are present a trine of the Moon to Saturn may predispose to ear trouble, a trine of the Moon to Mars may predispose to eye afflictions, and no matter how well Mars is aspected, if it is prominent enough it predisposes to strife, and somewhat to accident and infection.

This means that the most difficult predisposing factor to change is the type of thought-cell activity. The Mars thought-cells will always express in a Mars manner, the Sun thought-cells will always express in a Sun manner, etc. And this is borne out in all the 5,800 charts The Brotherhood of Light Astrological Research Department has analyzed and systematically tabulated in this and other books. Furthermore, as revealed in the analysis of 2,700 of these charts for which the progressions were calculated and placed around the outside for the date of some event, the event attracted by a progressed aspect always bears the characteristics of the planets involved in the progressed aspect.

A birth-chart does not map specific events, but the degree of each type of thought-cell activity, and the desires of these thought-cells, at birth. Neither do progressed aspects map specific events. But they do map energy releases of definite types and harmony or discord which increase the activity of certain groups of thought-cells and influence the trend of their desires, during limited periods of time which can be predetermined.

These releases of energy are no more mysterious, and no more symbolic, than most biological processes or than high-velocity physics. They derive from an extension of the principles of the Special Theory of Relativity as now taught in most universities. This is explained in detail in the book, **PROGRESSED ASPECTS OF STANDARD ASTROLOGY**.

No matter what progressed aspect formed to a planet in the birth-chart which maps little thought-cell activity, no event of great importance should be expected, because even with the added energy of the progressed aspect the thought-cells thus influenced have not enough activity to do much work. Nor should thought-cells thus given energy by a progressed aspect be expected to influence departments of life with which they are not already associated, as revealed by the relation of the progressed aspect to the houses of the birth-chart. In other words, only those events toward which the activities and the desires of the thought-cells at birth incline are to be expected in the life. Whatever the progressed aspects, they should be expected to bring into the life only those events toward which the birth-chart shows some predisposition.

Now in reference to the general principles involved in ascertaining what events are most likely to happen under the influence of a given progressed aspect we have already covered much ground. But such generalities are not enough. They leave the astrologer with so many possibilities to choose from that he either tends to become bewildered, or gets into the habit of using them as a divinatory instrument, selecting by extra-sensory perception from the great mass of alternatives the event which he has a feeling will come to pass.

I have a profound respect for extra-sensory perception. But its use is not the practice of scientific astrology. What scientific astrology needs is a definite system by which the astrologer can select the type of events that are almost sure to happen, and by which through a process of elimination he can discard one group of events of this type after another until he has left only a few probable alternatives, or in some instances only the one specific

event which is likely to happen. I believe this can best be accomplished in five distinct steps which should always be taken in the following sequence:

Step I. Note Planetary Characteristics and House Rulership Constants—Already we have spoken of birth-chart predispositions, and in the next step they will be considered still further. But it should be apparent, as they were developed in lower forms of life, that they are general, and not specific. Prehuman experiences are with fighting and running away, but not with shooting guns and navigating a flying fortress to its home base after its bombs have been dropped; with home building and training the young, but not with installing electric lighting, a refrigerator and a gas stove and sending the youngsters to college. The very fact that it is the chart of a human being predisposes to those events which are common to nearly all human lives. But as we move from the broad generalities toward specific events predispositions become subject to a wider and wider number of alternative events, any one of which may fall within the category indicated.

As a human being there is a predisposition toward receiving parental care in infancy, toward being trained to use brain or hands, toward working at something after maturity, toward acquiring a philosophy of life, toward getting married, and toward having children. Not all persons have each of these six experiences. Some fail to get parental care in infancy, some fail to work, some do not marry, and some who marry do not have children. Furthermore, the degree of importance assumed by each of these six experiences, to those who have all of them, varies widely. Work is very important to some who have had almost no parental care, and whose marriage and children are of minor concern.

In the same way that each human being is predisposed to undergo the above six experiences, each progressed aspect gives a predisposition toward affecting the individual's life in six different ways. Some will fail to experience all six of these, and even those who do experience all six, will do so in widely different degrees. The individual whose birth-chart Mercury lacks in prominence and has few aspects will notice little increase in cerebral activity while a progressed aspect to Mercury is operative. The individual whose birth-chart Venus lacks in prominence and has few aspects will notice little change in artistic appreciation while a progressed aspect to Venus is operative. And the individual whose birth-chart Neptune lacks in prominence and

has few aspects will notice little increase in sensitivity while a progressed aspect to Neptune is operative. All of which is just another way of saying that the predispositions shown by the birth-chart (A) have a limiting influence on the predispositions indicated by any progressed aspect. Furthermore, both the conditioning (B) since birth, and the environment (E), influence the degree in which each of the three constants associated with each of the two planets involved in a progressed aspect affects the life. Nevertheless, in the sense that all human beings are predisposed toward the six experiences previously mentioned, so are all human beings predisposed, while under the progressed aspect of a given planet, toward being affected in the following ways:

SUN: Any progressed aspect of the Sun affects the vitality, the significance, and the authority.

MOON: Any progressed aspect of the Moon affects the mental attitude, the domestic life, and the everyday affairs.

MERCURY: Any progressed aspect of Mercury affects the mental interests, the facility or accuracy of expression, and increases the cerebral activity.

VENUS: Any progressed aspect of Venus affects the emotions, the social relations, and the artistic appreciation.

MARS: Any progressed aspect of Mars brings strife, haste and increased expenditure of energy.

JUPITER: Any progressed aspect of Jupiter affects the individual through abundance, increased optimism, and joviality.

SATURN: Any progressed aspect of Saturn brings work, responsibility, and economy or loss.

URANUS: Any progressed aspect of Uranus affects through something sudden, through a human agency, and brings change into the life.

NEPTUNE: Any progressed aspect of Neptune increases the imagination, increases the sensitivity, and attracts schemes.

PLUTO: Any progressed aspect of Pluto affects through groups, through subtle force, and brings coercion or co-operation.

House Rulership of the Event is a Constant—The thought-cells within the astral body not only have desires of a given type, but these desires are associated through the experiences that formed them with one of the twelve departments of life. The thought-cells whose desires relate to any department of life are mapped in the birth-chart by the house ruling that department. To the extent the thought-cells mapped by a given house of the birth-chart have, or acquire, energy with which to work

do they use that energy to bring into the life events relating to that department of life, because their desires are for such events.

The normal amount of activity of the thought-cells which desire events relating to any one of the twelve departments of life is mapped by the house of the birth-chart related to that department. But these thought-cells only acquire additional energy to bring into the life events which, relative to the normal trend of the department, are important when a major progressed aspect forms to the ruler of the birth-chart house or from a planet which has progressed into the birth-chart house mapping the given department of life.

Not only the tabulation of the progressed aspects in the 2,700 timed birth-charts which were each progressed to the date of a given event, of which we have 100 covering each of 27 events, but a vast number of charts progressed to the date of some other event, prove that an event of importance happens only when there is a progressed aspect to the ruler of the house mapping the department of life affected.

The very few exceptions to the rule that this progressed aspect is a major progressed aspect heavier than a progressed aspect of the Moon are when heavy minor progressed aspects or Moon progressed aspects add energy to exceptionally active houses, or some combination of minor and sub-major progressed aspects gives unusual activity to thought-cells mapped by less active houses. In other words, the exceptions which will be noted in the tables are merely those instances in which no major progressed aspect to the ruler of the house involved is present, and are not exceptions to the rule that the thought-cells mapped by the house ruling the department of life affected are at the time of the event being given unusual activity by a progressed aspect to the ruler of that house.

Now immediately we have established that the house rulership of the event attracted by any progressed aspect is a constant, we also become aware that any progressed aspect has access to the thought-cells mapped by more than one house. Each planet involved in the aspect rules at least one sign, and some of the planets rule two. And the energy of the progressed aspect has access to the common thought-cells of these houses on the cusp of which each such sign is found. In addition to the common thought-cells mapped by the signs, each planet in the birth-chart maps a dynamic stellar structure, and the position of each progressed planet also maps a highly dynamic group of thought-cells. The energy of the progressed aspect has access to the houses

in which the planets involved were located in the birth-chart and to the houses in which they are located by progression.

The thought-cells mapped by the houses in which the two planets are found at the time the progressed aspect is completed tend to receive more of the energy than do the thought-cells of the houses which the progressing planets have left since birth, or than do the common thought-cells of the houses not now, or at birth, occupied by either of the two planets. But much effort spent in the actual analysis of the house rulership of the events which have happened under progressed aspects indicates that this is not significant enough commonly to outweigh the influence of either conditioning (B) or environment (E). In other words, while an active birth-chart (A) house inclines the event, indicated by its ruler making a progressed aspect, in the direction of the department of life mapped by that house, almost no reliance can be placed merely upon the fact that the planets occupy certain houses when the aspect is complete.

Nevertheless Step I gives us considerable positive knowledge. We know the event that will happen must belong to certain general types. This at once enables us to eliminate all events which do not bear the characteristics of one of the two planets involved. Also we know that the event will belong to one of a number of departments of life. And this enables us at once to eliminate all events which clearly belong to other departments of life.

Step II. Eliminate Events Improbable to Birth-Chart—The degree of activity of the thought-cells mapped by each of the twelve birth-chart houses shows the predisposition of that department to play an important part in the life. This has conclusively been shown not merely in the analysis of the influence of progressed aspects upon different lives, but in the analysis of all the 3,000 birth-charts considered in HOW TO SELECT A VOCATION in which the vocation necessitated association with one or more special department of life.

Bookkeepers and stenographers are importantly and constantly associated with writing or setting down figures. They have active third houses. Doctors and nurses are associated with illness and those confined to the house or in hospitals; and they have active sixth and twelfth houses. Actors and dancers are associated with entertainment; and they have active fifth houses. Politicians are associated with government; and they have active tenth houses.

Omitting mention of other occupational associations and turning to the predisposition toward events, the individual with an

active ninth house has a predisposition toward events relating to the ninth department of life, such as teaching, publishing, advertising, lecturing, long journeys, religion and the court; while the individual with an active seventh house has a predisposition toward those events arising from the seventh department of life, such as marriage, partnership, the attitude of those met in public, open enemies, competitors and law suits.

Events relating to active houses are more apt to come into the life because the thought-cells built by experiences with such departments of life have more energy to devote to realizing their desires. And the time when such events occur is when these thought-cells acquire much more than their normal amount of energy through a progressed aspect forming to a planet ruling the house which maps them.

If there are no opposition aspects in the birth-chart, a progressed aspect is much less likely to bring a separation into the life. But if one of the planets involved in the progressed aspect is a member of a birth-chart opposition, a progressed affliction may enable the birth-chart predisposition toward separation to become a reality. On the other hand, if the progressed aspect is an opposition between two planets that were in trine aspect in the birth-chart, the event may prove lucky, after many difficulties encountered, as was the case when Dr. Eckner first flew a lighter-than-air craft around the world.

The birth-chart aspects of the planets making the progressed aspect must always be carefully considered to discover the nature of the normal desires of the thought-cells they map. A progressed aspect of opposite harmony or discord may temporarily change the desires. A fair rule is to allow 50% each for the influence of a birth-chart aspect and a progressed aspect of the same common power. And the fortune of the event in so far as aspects alone indicate it often can be appraised by combining the keyword of the progressed aspect with the keyword of the heaviest aspect either of the two planets make in the birth-chart.

Each person is more predisposed toward diseases of certain types than toward diseases of other types. People only develop the diseases for which the constants are present in their birth-charts, and they develop these diseases only during those periods when there are progressed aspects present which are the progressed constants of those diseases. This matter is given detailed consideration in **BODY DISEASE AND ITS STELLAR TREATMENT**. Thus when the birth-chart and the progressed aspects indicate health difficulties, it is possible to eliminate as

unlikely those for which the birth-chart constants show no predisposition, and those for which at the time, even if there is a birth-chart predisposition, all the progressed constants are not present.

On the positive side step two indicates, through some of the houses related to the progressed aspect being more active than other houses related to it, that there is more likelihood, other things being equal, of the event affecting certain departments of life. From the keywords of the birth-chart aspects of the two planets involved, and the keyword of the progressed aspect, other deductions can be made relative to the fortune of the event.

Not overlooking that either conditioning (B) or environment (E) may as greatly influence both the importance and the fortune of the event, the birth-chart prominence or lack of prominence of each planet involved in the progressed aspect will enable some categories of events to be ruled out, the birth-chart aspects of these planets will enable other categories to be eliminated, at least certain types of health difficulties, perhaps all of them thus can be eliminated, and the lack of activity of some of the birth-chart houses influenced by the aspect may show important events relative to them unlikely. Elimination of events improbable to the birth-chart should first consider planetary prominence, then planetary aspects, and finally the activity of the houses involved.

Step III. Eliminate Events Improbable to Conditioning—Many events are probable only to those with a certain background of education or training, such as those arising from skilled vocations. But in addition to this, because the birth-chart shows only predispositions acquired in lower forms of life, the more specific human predispositions both toward behavior and toward the events attracted, are all learned, or conditioned by events and circumstances encountered since human birth.

In reference to the type of thoughts that will influence the behavior when each of the planets is involved in a progressed aspect we can speak with some certainty thus:

SUN: The behavior is influenced by thoughts of pride, firmness, approbation, conscientiousness or self-esteem.

MOON: The behavior is influenced by thoughts of the domestic life, women, the offspring, the weak and helpless, or of music.

MERCURY: The behavior is influenced by thoughts about time, written or verbal expression, calculation, travel, the recog-

inition of size, weight, form and color, or the solution of perplexities.

VENUS: The behavior is influenced by thoughts of affection, friendship, beauty, art, mirth, conjugality, or inhabitiveness.

MARS: The behavior is influenced by thoughts of construction, destruction, initiative, aggression, combat, sex, eating, or drinking.

JUPITER: The behavior is influenced by thoughts of benevolence, veneration, hope, devotion, selling, good-will and generosity.

SATURN: The behavior is influenced by thoughts of safety, secrecy, acquisitiveness, covetousness, buying, trading, casualty, comparison, worry, fear, greed, selfishness, system, order, or persistence.

URANUS: The behavior is influenced by thoughts of independence, originality, invention, the unconventional, methods unusual, or methods quite new.

NEPTUNE: The behavior is influenced by wishful thinking, fantasy thinking, day-dreaming, apprehension, idealistic visions, living in the imagination, or by thoughts of easy wealth, or promotion.

PLUTO: The behavior is influenced by thoughts of groups, statistics, inner-plane conditions, drastic events, the inside of things, gang methods, co-operation, coercion, or universal welfare.

One person under the influence of the Sun thoughts of pride and self-esteem will brag and strut, another will bully inferiors, and a third will take the lead in some enterprise beneficial to the community. The customary behavior in the past often will enable other actions belonging to the same planetary type to be eliminated. It shows the more specific habit-systems that have been formed for expressing the given planetary energy through the behavior.

But of at least as great importance are the specific habit systems of the thought-cells also to attract events. Their desires which a birth are only for events of the general type indicated by the planet mapping them and the department of life to which they belong, are given specific desires by the events and conditions encountered after human birth. Venus thought-cell desires may form the habit of finding satisfaction through events arising from affectional relations, they may form the habit of finding satisfaction through events arising from social affairs, or they may form the habit of finding satisfaction through events arising from artistic expression. Moving toward the more specific, the social affairs may be parties and dancing for some, bridge tourna-

ments for others. The artistic expression for some may be music, for others literature, or it may be painting or photography.

On the positive side a knowledge of the individual's education and training, a knowledge of the way he customarily behaves, and a knowledge of the events that in the past have been attracted into his life, often will give such an insight into the specific habits of expressing which the thought-cells have formed, that of the events not thus far eliminated the most probable will stand out clearly. This, in turn, will permit other specific events to be eliminated as unlikely.

Step IV. Appraise Other Progressed Aspects As Influencing Importance and Fortune of Event—Depending on the degree to which the individual permits himself to be dominated in his thoughts and feelings by the most powerful progressed aspect present does its energy find its way over the electrical currents of the nervous system to the thought-cells reached by other progressed aspects, giving them greater activity and making their desires more harmonious or discordant.

When the individual does not consistently keep tuned to the more powerful progressed aspect, each progressed aspect tends to work out in its own terms. But when the individual keeps tuned to it, its energy acting as a Rallying Force tends to increase the importance of the event attracted by the other progressed aspects then operative, and tends to make the events they attract more or less fortunate than otherwise they would be.

Because people so frequently permit their thoughts and feelings to be influenced by the heavy progressed aspect present, it is customary for whole periods to be dominated by some powerful progressed aspect. During such a period nearly all the important events will be of the fortune or misfortune of the powerful progressed aspect, even though some of these events are indicated by planets ruling other houses and receiving progressed aspects of opposite harmony or discord. This is the significance of the cases in the tables in which the only progressed aspect to the ruler of the eighth is harmonious at the time of the individual's death. In such instances there are other powerfully discordant progressed aspects present. People thus also get jobs when the rulers of the tenth and sixth are afflicted by progression, they lose money when the only progressed aspect to the ruler of the second is harmonious, and they become ill when the only progressed aspects to the ruler of the first and sixth are harmonious.

Birth-chart aspects are partly responsible for this; but usually a heavy progressed aspect acting as a Rallying Force is the chief factor causing the thought-cells to be warped from the normal fortune or misfortune of the desires indicated by the progressed aspect more directly reaching them.

Because the personal equation of the individual to permit his thoughts and feelings to be dominated by some heavy progressed aspect is so difficult to judge, appraising Rallying Forces is the most tricky factor in progressed aspects. Nevertheless, by estimating how much the importance of the indicated event is apt to be increased, and how much it is apt to be warped from its normal fortune or misfortune, by Rallying Forces, enables all remaining events which do not fit into this pattern to be eliminated.

Step V. Eliminate Remaining Events Not Probable in the Given Environment—In doing this we do not need to consider too wide possibilities; for each of the two planets involved in the progressed aspect tends to bring events to pass through employing environmental factors belonging to a definite category. We may be rather sure, therefore, not only that the event will not be brought to pass by factors absent in the environment, but that it will be brought about by such environmental factors belonging to one or the other of the two definite categories as are present. The more common environmental factors one or more of which may be used by the thought-cells when they receive a progressed aspect from a given planet are:

SUN: The influencing environmental factor may be gold, the government, politics, persons of authority, persons of the male sex, or an employer.

MOON: The influencing environmental factor may be silver, liquids, the common people, commodities, hotels, the home, food, the female sex, or rhythmic music.

MERCURY: The influencing environmental factor may be books, railroads, vehicles of travel, periodicals, telephone, telegraph, letters, agents, documents, or people who are literary or studious.

VENUS: The influencing environmental factor may be flowers, an artistic object, dancing, wearing apparel, fancy goods, confectionary, pastry, toilet articles, jewelry, harmonious music, or people of a social turn.

MARS: The influencing environmental factor may be war, soldiers, surgeons, mechanics, cooks, machinery, steel, implements of construction or destruction, or intoxicating drink.

JUPITER: The influencing environmental factor may be merchandise, ships, judges, church, clergymen, bankers or professional men of some kind, or persons of wealth.

SATURN: The influencing environmental factor may be basic utilities such as minerals, hay, grain, coal and building material, or mines, real estate, the land, the weather, business methods, sedate people or elderly people.

URANUS: The influencing environmental factor may be inventions, automobiles, electricity, late mechanical devices, antiques, astrology, the occult, orators, lawyers electricians, astrologers, or psychologists.

NEPTUNE: The influencing environmental factor may be a promoter, a confidence man, a colonizing scheme, a scheme requiring incorporation or profit sharing of a number of people, feeling extra-sensory perception, oil, gas, drugs, the drama, moving pictures, aviation, mediums, mystics, psychic people or a psychic energy.

PLUTO: The influencing environmental factor may be the radio, television, chemistry, inner-plane forces, intellectual or feeling extra-sensory perception, racketeers, gangsters, the coercive thoughts of others, or highly spiritual people working for the benefit of society.

The Final Event Residue—*Step I* eliminates all events which do not bear the characteristics of one of the two planets involved and all events not belonging to the houses influenced. Of the remaining possible events *Step II* eliminates those improbable because of lack of proper birth-chart planetary prominence, lack of the proper birth-chart aspects, or lack of proper birth-chart house activity. From the events still left *Step III* eliminates those which the education and training of the individual, and the habit systems the thought-cells have acquired, make unlikely. *Step IV* eliminates from those not already discarded such as do not fit into the pattern as influenced by Rallying Forces. If the work done this far has been thorough, not many events will be left for consideration. And these can be pared down still further by eliminating such events as the age of the individual

make unlikely, and environmental factors belonging to the two planets involved are not present to bring about.

If the object of this procedure were to select the one preordained event which would inevitably happen it would often prove disappointing; for not infrequently after all elimination there would still remain a residue of several specific events any one of which might happen. But from our viewpoint, that ascertaining the most probable events is for the purpose of influencing what happens, the residue should be highly satisfactory; for one should not be unwilling to take steps facilitating several different events, or deflecting several other different events, if by that effort the event when it actually arrives is made far more fortunate.

Chapter Two

IMPORTANT KNOWLEDGE GAINED FROM PROGRESSED ASPECTS OF TWINS

Confusion has arisen relative to the significance of astrology because it can be used to perform two functions. One is its use as a divinatory instrument. In fact, there is probably no better divinatory instrument than horary astrology; and the natal chart and the transits made to the positions in it are quite successfully used by astrologers who, often without knowing how they do it, employ extra-sensory perception to read what is going to happen.

While events which have not yet come to pass are not fixed unalterably along the time dimension, all objects do move along the fourth dimension we call time. The line of movement is called the object's world-line, and when the consciousness is extended to an object or person on the inner plane, this world-line can be perceived, not only in the past, but projected into the future. And although the future thus perceived by extra-sensory perception is not inevitable, it is highly probable. The events thus seen are those that will happen unless before reaching them the individual, guided by foreknowledge, takes the initiative to change them. Such use of extra-sensory perception to ascertain future events is fortune-telling.

But astrology has another and even more important function than to provide a good divinatory instrument to be used by those possessing extra-sensory perception. It affords a map of the thought-cells and thought structures with which the individual is born, and indicates the amount and kind of energy received from the planets by each of these groups of thought-cells during any period of the life, and therefore the type of their desires, and about how much power they will have, in the physical environment of the individual, of bringing to pass the events for which these desires cause them to work. Scientific astrology thus deals not with foreordained events, but with the activity of character factors as these are apt to be influenced by releases of planetary energy at different times in the life.

Even though fortune-telling would have no value if all events were inevitable, the practice of fortune-telling has led a considerable portion of the public to believe that the events indicated by scientific astrology are unalterable. And as the primary pur-

pose of this book is to indicate just what the individual must do to alter each event in his life so it will be more beneficial than had he made no such intelligent effort, this chapter seems to be the place to present facts dispelling this erroneous notion, and proving that intelligently applied initiative can alter for the better any life, and that in the training of children according to their astrological requirements lies the one bright hope of greatly improving both the character and the fortune of mankind.

As containing in an undeveloped form a rather elastic pattern of the individual's potentialities, the nearest physical parallel to the birth-chart is the fertilized ovum. It contains filaments, called chromosomes, each of which is composed of many hundred bead-like bodies, called chromomeres, strung together in a very definite order. Each chromosome furnished by the mother is paired to a chromosome furnished by the father. And the chromomeres of which they are composed not only are the physical carriers of heredity, but in a given species of animal each bead on the string always governs some particular characteristic, and always occupies the same position in the string. The hereditary characteristics themselves are called genes, and it may be depended on that the given characteristic, such as the color of the eyes, the shape of the nose, or the texture of the skin is governed by bead number so-and-so on the chromosome string.

The foremost biologists do not assert that these physical beads, or chromomeres, are the actual elements of heredity, but that the actual elements of heredity, whatever they may be, seem always to be associated with these physical beads according to a definite plan. But even as fortune-telling astrology has encouraged many to believe events are foreordained, so the science of genetics, with its exact knowledge of the transmission of traits through heredity by means of the genes, also has encouraged many biologists to believe that these genes, transmitted from parents to offspring, form a pattern of life that makes the development of certain character traits inevitable.

Now positions of the planets at birth do not cause the individual then born to possess the characteristics they indicate. Instead, the positions of the planets at any given time indicate the direction in which their energies are flowing and combining with other planetary currents. And the sum total of these energy streams and their convergences form an inner-plane energy-pattern.

Patterns may be quite rigid, or they may be made of elastic material. And those astrological patterns mapped by birth-charts

seem to be of the elastic variety; charting streams of astral energy of power enough that souls cannot be born into human form if their own structure is too widely at variance with this pattern. But when proper physical conditions are present there is enough elasticity to this flowing astral pattern that those can be born and live whose thought-cell organization varies considerably from it in detail.

Whether we consider the thought-cell organization mapped by the birth-chart, or the chromomeres of the physical cell with which they are associated, the character traits indicated at birth are not specialized but merely of given types. Human souls while undergoing experiences in lower life-forms have had experiences which in many respects were not identical. These experiences have been of the Sun type, the Mercury type, the Moon type and each of the other planetary family types, and they have been brought together in certain intensities of harmony or discord, and relate to specific departments of life. But they have not been human experiences. They have not been experiences in politics, or as a floor walker in a department store. They have not been experiences in farming or with clerking in a grocery. They have not been experiences as a telephone operator or as a waiter.

Nor are people born with ability to follow any of these vocations. But the Sun experiences may have been sufficiently extensive that given a proper human environment they are easily developed into political ability or ability to become a floor walker. The Moon experiences may have been numerous and intense enough that given a proper human environment they are easily developed into ability to raise chickens or ability to clerk in a grocery. And the Mercury experiences may have made sufficient impress on the soul that given a proper human environment they are easily developed into abilities of use to a telephone operator or a waiter.

In the form it occupies at the time, the states of consciousness which have been organized as thought-cells exert extra-physical power to attract to the soul experiences which correspond in planetary type, in harmony and discord, and in relation to the same department of life, to the desires of these thought-cells. Not only do the birth-charts of men, but also those of animals—as determined by a study of such animal birth-charts in connection with events—map character traits, and these character traits, on the evolutionary level (G) where the creature functions, and within the opportunities afforded by its physical environment, attract events which clearly are typical of them.

However, the birth-charts of insects, of birds, of various mammals, and those of men are not sufficiently different from each other that by looking at such a chart the evolutionary level (G) can be determined from it. A chart of identical pattern may belong to a crawfish, a pelican, a wolf or a man; and it is probably equally true that charts of men with similar general characteristics, but occupying different evolutionary levels (G), are so similar that there is no astrological way of determining these levels.

Yet as the experiments of Mandel Sherman and Irene Case Sherman made plain, the instincts common to other young animals are almost totally lacking in the human infant. The new born babe can swallow, close its eyes when the cornea is irritated, sneeze, and respond to deep pressure. Sucking is present after 24 hours, but in many is difficult to elicit earlier. Even the response to pricking with a needle is low immediately after birth. There is, however, tensing and random movement in the presence of sudden disagreeable stimuli, and relaxation in the presence of pleasant stimuli, these being fundamental responses which are developed into specific reactions by subsequent experience.

Well defined emotions are not present in the infant at birth, but also develop as the result of experience. In other words, how a person acts later in life in the presence of a given situation depends upon the conditions surrounding similar situations that he was called upon to face earlier in life, particularly in childhood. Experiments carried out on infants and children in the John Hopkins Hospital and the Harriett Lane Hospital have given us much reliable information upon just how the manner in which a child reacts to a given circumstance is determined. It is determined, except the few unconditioned responses mentioned and certain reflex actions of the muscles, by the experiences of the child after birth. That is, both the mental attitude toward things and the skill with which actions are performed, all are acquired. They are not instinctive.

Yet while recognizing that the mental attitude toward things and the skill with which actions are performed are all acquired through the conditioning of physical environment, psychological experimenters recognize that the conditioning of two children by identical physical conditions may be widely different. That is, if children with different birth-charts are reared in practically identical environments, each will become conditioned by that environment according to the power and trend of the thought-cell energies mapped by its birth-chart, and the mental attitudes

and skills thus developed will be as different as are the charts of birth.

On the other hand, our now extensive Case History Studies of Environment and Conditioning as Affecting Events Attracted by Progressed Aspects into the lives of identical twins reared amid different environments, natural twins reared amid different environments, and astrological twins reared amid different environments; show quite conclusively that children with practically identical birth-charts when reared in different environments develop different attitudes toward things and different skills. As identical twins have exactly duplicate sets of genes, and thus the same physical heredity, we can assume they belong to the same evolutionary level (G). But if either the birth-chart, or the environment in which the child is reared, is different, to that extent will the mental attitude, the skills, and the events which come into the life coincident with progressed aspects be different.

Just as The Brotherhood of Light Astrological Research Department has conducted case history studies to determine the importance of birth-chart and progressed aspects relative to the importance of the conditioning (B) power of physical environment, so recently have eminent psychologists conducted case history studies to determine the importance of heredity relative to the importance of the conditioning (B) power of physical environment. And because these psychological studies in so many ways confirm what we have found in our studies of almost identical birth-charts and the events which have transpired in the lives of those possessing them under similar progressed aspects, we believe it will help to dispel the fatalistic attitude some hold toward astrology and others hold toward heredity if we quote these findings at some length.

The first passages quoted are from an article by Dr. Frank Thone, in SCIENCE NEWS LETTER, issue of September 4, 1937. The article is headed, TWINS MAY BECOME UNLIKE, subheaded, Heredity Determines Inescapably that Twins Look Alike; Environment May Make Mental Difference:

“So much emphasis is placed on twins’ similarities, and so much is done to preserve and heighten them, that it is sometimes questioned whether they can be different at all. There is considerable theoretical reason why true twins should never be different. True twins, identical twins that are formed before birth by halving of the original fertilized egg, carry completely duplicate sets of genes, or units of heredity. Since genes are supposed

to determine what you do as well as what you look like, two individuals with duplicate sets should be expected to be alike in both appearance and action.

“But can such identical twins ever be different? Isn't it possible that environment might overcome the effect of identical heredity [*or identical birth-charts—E.B.*] to some extent at least? Or are the genes all-powerful, so that twins will always look and behave alike no matter how different their surroundings? . . .

“Scientists in other fields like to take identical samples of uniform material and subject them to different kinds of tests. Thereby they are able to estimate the comparative effects of various stresses and strains. Twins are the nearest thing to identical sample of uniform material that this complex stuff called human nature affords [*and astrological twins with identical birth-charts are identical astrological samples—E.B.*] . . .

“Three University of Chicago professors, Horatio H. Newman, biologist, Frank N. Freeman, psychologist, and Karl J. Holzinger, statistician, have collected records of twenty such separated twins and made an exhaustive study of them [*as we have of astrological, identical and natural twins with almost identical birth-charts—E.B.*]. Their results are reported in a new book published by the University of Chicago Press.

“Twelve out of the twenty cases were separations during the first year of life; one was as late as seven years. The duration of separation ranged from eleven to about 53 years. Some of the separated twins had chances to visit each other at times, but in some other cases contact was lost completely for years.

“Some of the separated twins had approximately equal educational opportunities and fairly similar social environment, others differed widely in either or both respects.

“In addition to these separated pairs of twins, the three Chicago investigators obtained detailed records on a much larger number of pairs of identical brothers or sisters reared together, so that they were able to offer comparative conclusions regarding relative effects of heredity and environment, when heredity can be assumed to be the same for both members of the pair.

“In general they find that ‘Human intelligence is not definitely fixed by genetic factors [*or by the birth-chart—E.B.*] but may be distinctly influenced by such environmental factors as education and social position. . . . Not only can intelligence be influenced by environment, but personal traits such as temperamental and emotional attitudes are affected by environment to an even more marked degree. But heredity is dominant in all

physical characteristics except the obvious one of body weight.'

"That is, to sum it all up in a sentence: 'Heredity determines inescapably what you are going to look like, but environment has a great deal to do with the way you think and act.'

"Intelligence tests were of course given to the twins, both those who had grown up together and the separated ones. In those reared together the I.Q.'s were practically identical; separated twins were hardly more alike than total strangers.

"Results of three educational tests were correlated with social differences in the environment of the separated twins, and the statistical average indicates that cultural features in social environment are also definitely effective in modifying the I.Q. . . .

"Then there is the case of Maxine and Virginia. [*photographs in the magazine*]. They are a pair of lively youngsters, now about twelve years old. But because Virginia was once threatened with tuberculosis and was put through a course of 'feeding up,' she is taller, heavier and physically a year more mature than her twin. On the mental and emotional tests, however, they came out very nearly alike. Their social backgrounds are nearly the same, which may help to explain.

"Eleanore and Georgiana are grown young women now. Orphaned in infancy, they were adopted separately before they were two years old. Eleanore received very little formal schooling, because she had to drop out and take care of her invalid foster-mother. Paradoxically, Georgiana received a better education because her foster-mother died; she was placed in a church school and stayed there until she was well trained in music and had gone through the teachers' course. Subsequently she taught school for a time. But both girls are now in nearly the same kind of work: One is a doctor's assistant, the other as a dentist's. And Eleanore, despite her relative lack of formal education, is rated very efficient.

"Differences in environment showed up sharply when the two girls were given a course of tests. In all of them the better-educated Georgiana surpassed her sister. In tests of emotional reaction they are again different: Georgiana is more rapid and uninhibited, and Eleanore is more aggressive. . . . Georgiana appears to have more dislikes, fears, worries, and neurotic symptoms than Eleanore, but her attitudes are more conventional.

"One case of identical twins coming to look unlike is that of Paul C. and Paul O. [*photographs in the magazine*]. You would hardly take them to be identical twins now, but the most critical physical tests indicate they are.